



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Capitola Cliff Drive Infrastructure Resiliency project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Capitola, located at 420 Capitola Ave, Capitola, CA 95010. The funding would be used to stabilize the failing coastal bluffs along Cliff Drive in order to protect local public infrastructure and public safety.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Cliff Drive is a heavily used, arterial and a primary evacuation route for the low-lying Capitola Village neighborhood and commercial district. The regional sanitary sewer force-main is located in the street. The project mitigates bluff retreat and failure reducing the risk of loss of the roadway and sanitary system in both the short and long term, benefiting local, regional, and visitor service uses.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Panetta', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jimmy Panetta
Member of Congress